MINICON 50-The Gold Edition: PR3

Greetings! This is the third of three progress reports from Minicon 50, to be held Easter weekend, April 2-5, 2015 (that's 4 days!). Minicon has panel discussions, readings, signings, costuming, the Medallion Hunt, films, gaming, an art show, dealers, kids' programming, a science room, concerts, filking, a well-stocked consuite and bar, room parties, and various special events.

Our guests of honor will be authors **Brandon Sanderson**, **Larry Niven**, and **Jane Yolen**, publisher **Tom Doherty**, artist **Michael Whelan**, and musician **Adam Stemple**.

Memberships: If you are registered, a ® should appear on your mailing label. You can register at mnstf.org/minicon50 or by mail to Minicon 50, PO Box 8297, Minneapolis, MN 55408-0297. If you don't have a form, print one from the web or send the usual info and we'll figure it out. \$40 adult, \$20 student (13-20), \$10 kid (6-12), \$0 child (0-5), \$15 supporting. Pre-reg deadline: March 9. Atthe-door memberships are \$70/25/15/0. FFI: registration@minicon50.mnstf.org or write the PO box.

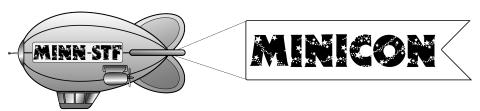
Hotel: We're in the Bloomington DoubleTree. Rooms are \$92 if booked by March 15. Go to mnstf.org/minicon50/hotel or call 800-222-8733, using group name "Minicon", group code "MCN".

Programming: We will continue to have excellent panel discussions, readings, demonstrations and other events. To volunteer, see mnstf.org/minicon50/programming. Panel idea submissions are now closed. We have extended the deadline for panelist volunteers to Feb 1 (that's soon!).

Rumpus Room: Programming for kids of any age. Activities will include a stuffed animal zoo, games with Matt McMillan, a costume workshop, fun noodle light sabers, monsters & s'more monsters, sugar cube castles, puppets, shrinky-dink badge charms, & cardboard box castles.

A longer version of this PR, as well as Progress Reports 1 and 2, are at mnstf.org/minicon50.

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Consuite: We will be open 24h. We welcome donations of food, especially those addressing special dietary needs. consuite@ minicon50.mnstf.org.

Costuming: Everyone is welcome to join the Minicon Costume Revel this year, Sat 7pm. Trophies will be given in each experience level. No performance required, just a fun chance to show off & talk about your costumes.

Code of Conduct: The Mnstf board has approved Minicon 50's. See the full text on our website.

Fan Assistance Fund: If your financial situation would prevent you from coming to Minicon, you can apply for a free or reduced membership. Email fanfund@minicon50.mnstf.org by Feb 1, letting us know how we can help you.



Mnstf, the club that runs Minicon, also holds bimonthly parties, see mnstf.org/einblatt (come to our pool party on Feb 21!). And we're bidding for the 2073 Worldcon.

Minicon is run entirely by volunteers. Please join us. Mail volunteers@minicon50.mnstf.org to participate. We're all in this together!